

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** cancer is the second leading cause of death in South Carolina, and the Palmetto State has the 20<sup>th</sup> overall cancer incidence rate in the United States, with more than 22,000 diagnoses and 8,100 deaths among its residents this year; and

**WHEREAS,** raising awareness through education, prevention, screening, and early detection efforts helps strengthen our efforts in the fight against cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** residents of the Palmetto State who are affected by cancer not only need the compassion and respect of others but also the tools and resources that can help as they face the physical, mental and practical challenges of a cancer diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS,** LIVESTRONG Day exemplifies the spirit of all people affected by cancer, including survivors, caregivers, friends, family, physicians, nurses, social workers, and researchers throughout South Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2007, as

### LIVESTRONG DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of all cancers and to promote continued research into the causes and cure of cancer.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**